

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

RAGIL et al.

Examiner: Tam M. Nguyen

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Title: HIGH OCTANE NUMBER GASOLINES AND THEIR PRODUCTION  
USING A PROCESS ASSOCIATING HYDROISOMERIZATION AND  
SEPARATION

**REPLY BRIEF**

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Sir:

Further to the Examiner's Answer mailed on August 25, 2008, please consider the following.

At the bottom of page 5 and top of page 6, the Examiner points to page 11 of the specification, where it is disclosed that the feed can originate from an atmospheric distillation and alleges that this could be considered as a pre-treating step.

However, the claims recite a "fresh feed not previously treated so as to separate di-branched and tri-branched paraffins therefrom," which is explicitly clear in that not all possible pre-treatments are excluded by said language, but only ones where the treatment is directed to the separation of di-branched and tri-branched paraffins therefrom.

The specification on page 11 in the paragraph immediately after discussing atmospheric distillation of the feed discloses that the feed "is mainly composed of straight-chain, mono-branched and multi-branched paraffins, ..." Thus, it is clear from this disclosure that the atmospheric distillation of the feed is not a treatment where di-branched and tri-branched paraffins are separated from the feed.

For all the foregoing reasons, and the reasons discussed in the Appeal Brief, reversal of the rejections is respectfully and courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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